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1. DCM REVIEWED KHMER CREDENTIALS PROBLEM ON
SEPTEMBER 15 WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF GKR FOREIGN
MINISTRY NGUON CHHAY KRY. SECRETARY GENERAL PROVIDED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER
LONG BORET IN LONDON SAYING THAT THE LATTER WAS TAKING
WITH HIM TO NEW YORK DOUC RASY, GKR AMBASSADOR IN
LONDON, TO STRENGTHEN THE GKR TEAM (SEE REFS C AND F).

B. ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE FROM THE KHMER UN MISSION,
THE CHICOMS HAVE ALREADY DONE VERY EXTENSIVE LOBBYING
IN NEW YORK ON BEHALF OF GRUNK.

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C. A SYSTEMATIC PLAN HAS BEEN WORKED OUT FOR GKR

LOBBYING, WITH EACH DELEGATION MEMBER ASSIGNED SPECIFIC COUNTRY TARGETS. SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSITION OF THE DELEGATION, A LARGE SUPPLY OF KHMER GIFTS IS ON HAND TO PASS OUT, AND INVITATIONS FOR EARLY REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT.

D. THE DECISION WHETHER TO INSTRUCT AMBASSADOR THOUTCH VUTTHI TO REMAIN IN BOGOTA UNTIL PRESENTATION OF HIS CREDENTIALS OR TO RETURN TO NEW YORK AT ONCE WILL BE MADE BY LONG BORET.

2. DCM EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT THE FACT OF THE KHMER INSURGENT ATTACK ON KOMPONG CHAM WERE SO UNFAVORABLE TO THE INSURGENT CAUSE AS TO PROVIDE AN EXPLOITABLE ISSUE AGAINST GRUNK AT THE UN (SEE REF B). FOR EXAMPLE FOREIGN MINISTER LONG BORET COULD MAKE IT A PRINCIPAL THEME OF A CALL ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDEIM AND PRESENT HIM AN AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH COULD THEN BE CIRCULATED TO THE OTHER UN MISSIONS AND RELEASED TO THE PRESS. NGUON CHHAY KRY EXPRESSED PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH THESE SUGGESTIONS AND PROMISED TO SEE THAT THEY WERE CONSIDERED URGENTLY BY GKR.

3. AS INDICATED IN REF A WE HAVE ALSO ENCOURAGED GKR TO FACILITATE DIFFUSION OF THE KOMPONG CHAM STORY AND HAVE URGED THEM FURTHER TO (A) ISSUE A WHITE PAPER AND (B) MAKE A WORLD-WIDE APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE.

4. FURTHER TO PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, WE RECOMMEND THAT, IN THE COURSE OF ITS STRATEGY TALKS WITH GKR DELEGATION, USUN MAKE APPROPRIATE SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THEMES AND TACTICS THAT WILL TEND TO DISCREDIT THE GRUNK.
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